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Dear Howard:

Yours of the 15th just received; our letters must have crossed in the post. Don't bother to send a W677/sr unless you have one on which you have particular data. Other sr strains on which you may have verified linkage information might be useful, however.

Judging from your comments, I gather that you ran into the same linkage peculiarities that beset Mal. Mike Doudoroff and I did a very casual experiment in order to help interpret the hemizygosity of sr in heterozygotes, but you must already have run into the linkage to Mal<sub>1</sub> which explains it.

I don't think that Dr. Rothfels need ask anyone's approval to use K-12 strains for class or for experimental purposes. However, I am pleased that you mentioned it to me, and would appreciate it if you would again under like circumstances, only because I am naturally interested in what is being done with it. But please feel free to give away any strains I have sent you. I take it that you can provide for Rothfels' requirements; I will be glad to fill in anything else he might need.

I hope that we can have a good opportunity to compare notes at Christmas.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg